This key should allow you to understand why you choose the option you did (beyond just getting a question right or wrong). More instructions on how to use this key can be found here.

If you have a suggestion to make the keys better, please fill out the short survey here.

Note: This key is auto-generated and may contain issues and/or errors. The keys are reviewed after each exam to ensure grading is done accurately. If there are issues (like duplicate options), they are noted in the offline gradebook. The keys are a work-in-progress to give students as many resources to improve as possible.

1. To estimate the one-sided limit of the function below as x approaches 6 from the right, which of the following sets of numbers should you use?

$$\frac{\frac{6}{x} - 1}{x - 6}$$

The solution is  $\{6.1000, 6.0100, 6.0010, 6.0001\}$ , which is option D.

A. {5.9000, 5.9900, 5.9990, 5.9999}

These values would estimate the limit of 6 on the left.

B. {6.0000, 6.1000, 6.0100, 6.0010}

If we get  $\frac{0}{0}$  or  $\frac{\infty}{\infty}$ , the value 6 doesn't help us estimate the limit.

C.  $\{5.9000, 5.9900, 6.0100, 6.1000\}$ 

These values would estimate the limit at the point and not a one-sided limit.

D. {6.1000, 6.0100, 6.0010, 6.0001}

This is correct!

E. {6.0000, 5.9000, 5.9900, 5.9990}

If we get  $\frac{0}{0}$  or  $\frac{\infty}{\infty}$ , the value 6 doesn't help us estimate the limit.

General Comments: To evaluate a one-sided limit, we want to put numbers close to the limit. We can't use the limit value itself if it results in  $\frac{0}{0}$  or  $\frac{\infty}{\infty}$ 

2. Based on the information below, which of the following statements is always true?

$$f(x)$$
 approaches  $\infty$  as  $x$  approaches 4.

The solution is f(x) is undefined when x is close to or exactly 4., which is option C.

- A. f(x) is close to or exactly  $\infty$  when x is large enough.
- B. f(x) is close to or exactly 4 when x is large enough.
- C. f(x) is undefined when x is close to or exactly 4.
- D. x is undefined when f(x) is close to or exactly  $\infty$ .
- E. None of the above are always true.

**General Comment:** The limit tells you what happens as the x-values approach 4. It says **absolutely nothing** about what is happening exactly at f(4)!

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3. To estimate the one-sided limit of the function below as x approaches 1 from the left, which of the following sets of numbers should you use?

$$\frac{\frac{1}{x} - 1}{x - 1}$$

The solution is  $\{0.9000, 0.9900, 0.9990, 0.9999\}$ , which is option B.

A. {0.9000, 0.9900, 1.0100, 1.1000}

These values would estimate the limit at the point and not a one-sided limit.

B. {0.9000, 0.9900, 0.9990, 0.9999}

This is correct!

C. {1.0000, 1.1000, 1.0100, 1.0010}

If we get  $\frac{0}{0}$  or  $\frac{\infty}{\infty}$ , the value 1 doesn't help us estimate the limit.

D. {1.0000, 0.9000, 0.9900, 0.9990}

If we get  $\frac{0}{0}$  or  $\frac{\infty}{\infty}$ , the value 1 doesn't help us estimate the limit.

E. {1.1000, 1.0100, 1.0010, 1.0001}

These values would estimate the limit of 1 on the right.

General Comments: To evaluate a one-sided limit, we want to put numbers close to the limit. We can't use the limit value itself if it results in  $\frac{0}{0}$  or  $\frac{\infty}{\infty}$ 

4. Evaluate the one-sided limit of the function f(x) below, if possible.

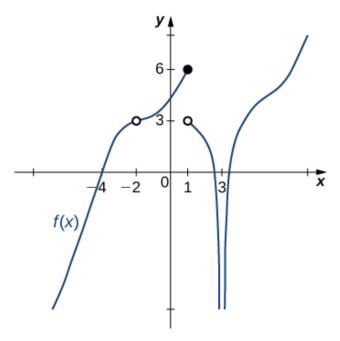
$$\lim_{x \to 7^+} \frac{5}{(x+7)^4} + 9$$

The solution is f(7), which is option A.

- A. f(7)
- B.  $\infty$
- C.  $-\infty$
- D. The limit does not exist
- E. None of the above

**General Comment: General comments:** You should be able to graph the rational function displayed. If not, go back to Module 7 to learn about the general shape of rational functions.

5. For the graph below, find the value(s) a that makes the statement true:  $\lim_{x\to a} f(x) = 0$ .



The solution is Multiple a make the statement true., which is option D.

- A. 0
- B. 3
- C. -4
- D. Multiple a make the statement true.
- E. No a make the statement true.

General Comments: There can be multiple a values that make the statement true! For the limit, draw a horizontal line and determine if an x value makes the limit exist.

6. Based on the information below, which of the following statements is always true?

f(x) approaches 19.045 as x approaches 8.

The solution is None of the above are always true., which is option E.

- A. f(19) is close to or exactly 8
- B. f(19) = 8
- C. f(8) = 19
- D. f(8) is close to or exactly 19
- E. None of the above are always true.

**General Comment:** The limit tells you what happens as the x-values approach 8. It says **absolutely nothing** about what is happening exactly at f(8)!

7. Evaluate the one-sided limit of the function f(x) below, if possible.

$$\lim_{x \to 6^{-}} \frac{-8}{(x-6)^3} + 2$$

The solution is  $\infty$ , which is option C.

- A.  $-\infty$
- B. f(6)
- C.  $\infty$
- D. The limit does not exist
- E. None of the above

**General Comment: General comments:** You should be able to graph the rational function displayed. If not, go back to Module 7 to learn about the general shape of rational functions.

8. Evaluate the limit below, if possible.

$$\lim_{x \to 4} \frac{\sqrt{7x - 3} - 5}{2x - 8}$$

The solution is None of the above, which is option E.

A. ∝

You likely believed that since the denominator is equal to 0, the limit is infinity.

B. 1.323

You likely tried to use a shortcut to find the limit of a function that only works for when the numerator/denominator are polynomials.

C. 0.050

You likely learned L'Hospital's Rule in a previous course, but misapplied it here.

D. 0.100

You likely memorized how to solve the similar homework problem and used the same formula here.

- E. None of the above
  - \* This is the correct option as the limit is 0.350.

**General Comment: General comments:** It is difficult to imagine the graph of this function, so you need to test values close to x = 4.

9. Evaluate the limit below, if possible.

$$\lim_{x \to 7} \frac{\sqrt{5x - 10} - 5}{3x - 21}$$

The solution is None of the above, which is option E

A. 0.100

You likely memorized how to solve the similar homework problem and used the same formula here.

B. 0.745

You likely tried to use a shortcut to find the limit of a function that only works for when the numerator/denominator are polynomials.

C.  $\infty$ 

You likely believed that since the denominator is equal to 0, the limit is infinity.

## D. 0.033

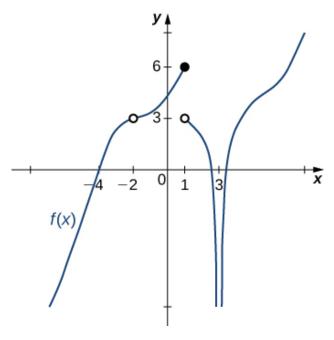
You likely learned L'Hospital's Rule in a previous course, but misapplied it here.

## E. None of the above

\* This is the correct option as the limit is 0.167.

General Comments: It is difficult to imagine the graph of this function, so you need to test values close to x = 7.

10. For the graph below, find the value(s) a that makes the statement true:  $\lim_{x\to a} f(x)$  does not exist.



The solution is 1, which is option A.

- A. 1
- B. 3
- C. -2
- D. Multiple a make the statement true.
- E. No a make the statement true.

**General Comments:** Remember that the limit does not exist if the left-hand and right-hand limits do not match.

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